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Pentagon says Soviet spies getting data on campuses

CHICAGO — (UPI) — A recent Pentagon report says more than 60 universities nationwide have been penetrated by Soviet spies gathering scientific and technical information, The Chicago Sun-Times reported Sunday.

The Pentagon report, *Soviet Acquisition of Militarily Significant Western Technology: An Update*, contends Soviet spies on campus have acquired an estimated 100,000 scientific and technological documents, most unclassified.

"In the late 1970s and early 1980s, Soviet scientific data collection directives identified numerous universities worldwide that had needed information," the report said.

"The universities cited as sources for both applied military-related technology and for civilian

scientific data include some of the finest in the United States," it said.

The Pentagon said the penetration of universities is part of a larger Soviet technical-espionage pattern also targeting high-tech corporations.

University of Illinois President Stanley Ikenberry, whose school was named in February as one of four in the nation receiving a \$75 million supercomputer, said he thought the Pentagon's concerns were "legitimate, but the concern of universities for maintaining their openness is of equal importance."

Jonathan Kleinbard, vice president for university affairs of the University of Chicago, said what the Soviets were doing sounded more like "technology transfer than espionage."